

RESOLUTION 2014- 40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE STURGIS COMMON COUNCIL ENDORSING THE
RESTORATION OF THE LAZELLE STREET LANE CONFIGURATION**

WHEREAS, the current paved section of Lazelle through a majority of the City of Sturgis is insufficient to accommodate five typical driving lanes; and,

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Transportation sought to alleviate the congestion and safety concerns of the narrow traveling lanes by restriping the travel lanes to include three lanes; and,

WHEREAS, for more than six months Lazelle Street in Sturgis has been restriped to three lanes; and

WHEREAS, the reduced three lane configuration led to difficulties for street sweeping and maintenance on the most heavily traveled street in the City; and

WHEREAS, there have arisen significant safety concerns regarding the merging of two highway travel lanes into a single traveling lane in the center of our community.

WHEREAS, the increased traffic congestion inherent with the annual Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally ™ necessitates a five lane configuration for at least one month each year; and,

WHEREAS, such conversion will inevitably lead to further confusion during both the expansion phase and the merging phase; and,

WHEREAS, this increased confusion will likely decrease the safety of the traveling public along this heavily traversed corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Sturgis City Council does hereby support the conversion of the existing three lane sections of Lazelle into five lanes, protests any future reducing of said lanes within the City of Sturgis and further petitions the South Dakota Department of Transportation to permanently mark all narrow five lane sections to four lanes with a center turn lane only at signalized intersections until such a time arises when a proper width five lane roadway can be constructed.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2014.

CITY OF STURGIS

Mayor Mark Carstensen

ATTEST:

Fay Bueno
City Finance Officer

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